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FOIA Case: 105742
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Dear Ms. Best:

This is an initial response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated 19 November 2018, which was received by this office on 20 November 2018 for "Files mentioning Cicada 3301, a group of hackers and cryptographers that recruited from the public on three occasions between 2012 and 2014 by way of complex puzzles and hacking scavenger hunts."

This letter acknowledges that we have received your request and provides some administrative information. Your request has been assigned Case Number 105742. Due to a significant increase in the number of requests being received by this Agency, we are experiencing delays in processing. We will begin to process your request and will respond to you again as soon as we are able. Once we have completed a thorough review of your request, we will contact you should we require further clarification of your request. Until further processing is done, we do not know if there will be assessable fees. Therefore, we have not addressed your request for a fee waiver at this time.

Correspondence related to your request should include the case number assigned to your request, which is included in the first paragraph of this letter. Your letter should be addressed to National Security Agency, FOIA Office (P132), 9800 Savage Road STE 6932, Ft. George G. Meade, MD 20755-6932 or may be sent by facsimile to 443-479-3612. If sent by fax, it should be marked for the attention of the FOIA office. The telephone number of the FOIA office is 301-688-6527.

Sincerely,

Mike S.

FOIA Customer Representative